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Wednesday at the Olympic — Metro presents Enmy Stevens in "Outwitted."

TWO DEAD AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION

W. B. STEWART TOOK OATH OF OFFICE TODAY

Monessen police court opened this morning by the swearing into office of Dr. W. B. Stewart as burgess by Justice A. N. Shuster, after which the business of the office was turned over by the retiring official, A. G. Dunlap, and court was declared open for business.

After Mr. Dunlap gave the new burgess a little coaching on books, forms, manners and customs, the first case was called in the person of Mike Suter, a Slav of No. 11 Fourteenth street, on a charge of disorderly conduct. Mike said he was 21 years of age in court and plead not guilty. Information was made by Martin Cable and the evidence showed that Suter, who was drunk, on Saturday evening walked up to two young ladies passing the Kilroy hotel and threw his arms about them and acted in an ungentlemanly manner. Later he went into the hotel, making very insulting remarks to the ladies. After brief consideration, Burgess Stewart sentenced Suter to a fine of $10.00 and costs and five days to jail.

Louis Kurtz and John Kosslosky, employes of the Pittsburgh Steel mill, at 6:30 Saturday evening got into a dispute over their work, and Kosslosky came out with a much battered up face. Kurtz was arrested by mill officers and turned over to the borough, he putting up $10.00 forfeit.

W. B. Stewart

He failed to show up in police court this morning, the case going by default and the $10.00 falling into the borough till.

Fatal Accident at the Pittsburgh Steel Co. Plant Decapitates One Man; Ten Others Seriously Burned.

An explosion occurring in the Open Hearth department of the Pittsburgh Steel Co. plant about 3:15 Saturday afternoon decapitated one man and burned ten others. Three were seriously burned and their chance of recovery is slight.

The Dead

Frank Roman, aged 39 years, married. Head blown off.

Mike Bennett, 40 years old, married. Badly burned about the head, face and hands. Died in the hospital Saturday evening.

The Injured

Heff Duffy, aged 38, single. Badly burned on right arm and face.

John Mrovik, aged 40, married. Badly burned about the head, face and hands, condition serious.

George Hornak, aged 28, married. Burned about the legs, hands and face.

Thomas Scanlon, aged 38, single. Burned about head and face. Condition not serious.

William Rasten, aged 42. Burned about the face, not serious.

John Skelly, aged 41. Burned about head, legs, arm and back.

Frank Hale, aged 49, married. Slightly burned.

Ruben Fear, aged 25, married. Burned about the hands and face.

The men are employed in the rigging gang and were making repairs to the open hearth furnace. A gasoline tank that furnishes fuel for the operation of a cutting torch was leaking and in some manner the flame ignited with the tank, causing the explosion.

Immediately following the accident, a summons was sent out over the city for all available physicians and ambulances. The unfortunate victims were taken care of temporarily at the Pittsburgh Steel hospital and were later taken to the Memorial hospital at Monongahela.

Frank Hale, one of the victims, was only slightly burned, and after having his injuries dressed at the hospital, he was able to return to his home in Belle Vernon.

Mike Bennet was so badly burned that he died in the hospital Saturday evening. Frank Roman, who had his head blown off, was directly over the tank and received the full force of the explosion.

Following the explosion a few timbers caught fire,but were extinguished by the mill fire department. The force of the explosion did very little damage to the open hearth department, and in a short time the department was able to resume operations.

No damage was done to buildings in the vicinity of the mill, as the force of the explosion was not strong enough to carry any distance. Various exaggerated reports were that the force of the explosion could be heard for mils around, but this is without foundation. Persons passing the mill heard the explosion and immediately various rports were current on the streets.

It was impossible to get a statement from the mill officials concerning the cause of the accident or the extent of the damage.

Rports from the hospital this morning were to the effect that the condition of the patients were not the best as some had inhaled the flames and it would be impossible at this time to tell the outcome of their injuries.

The funeral of Mike Bennett was held yesterday afternoon as his brother who has been in training at Camp Lee was home on a furlough and had to leave for camp today.

SHUSTER BOY WAS INJURED WHILE COASTING

Albert N. Shuster, Jr., the four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs A. N. Shuster met with an accident about three o'clock Saturday afternoon, while coasting at the top of Sixth street hill, which, for a time, was thought to be quite serious. The lad had slipped away from home with his sled and had started down the hill lying on his stomach. The sled had gained considerable momentum when it collided with the Miller taxi which was on its way up the hill, driven by Willard E. Miller.

Young Mr. Miller, seeing the boy had lost control of his sled, did all in his power to avoid an accident, and handled his car so that the lad's head struck only the left hind wheel of the car.

He and Mr. Hart of Park Way took the little fellow to Dr. Israel's office, where three stiches were placed in his forehead after which he was removed to the Shuster home on McKee avenue. There being no fractures, the lad is improving rapidly and is considered out of danger today.

SEES OUR BIG MILLS

Wm. Jones, a mill man of Youngstown, Ohio, who is interested in the big steel interests of the Ohio town, was in Monessen a few days ago, looking over the Pittsburgh Steel plant in an effort to verify the great reports which had reached him from this modern plant. Mr. Jones was much surprised at the activity along the Monongahela valley and expressed great wonder at the vast steel plants, etc., all along the way from Pittsburgh to Monessen. Particularly was h interested in the Monongahela river as a waterway of practical use, a blessing which his town of Youngstown is denied. He found the Pittsburgh Steel everything and more than he expected, and was much disappointed that he could not have time to go through the Tinplate mill and the Page plant as all trains wer late and he had only a couple of hours to spend here. Mr. Jones expressed his desire to soon make another trip to Monessen when he can have plenty of time to visit all the mills.

NOTICE TO F. O. OF EAGLES

Yourself and family are invited to attend the open installation of officers for the year 1918 to be held in Croation hall, corner Eleventh and Schoonmaker, Auesday evening, Jan. 8, at 8 p .m.

83-3t fp Committee.

Soldiers Compelled to Stay

Two of our soldier boys, Peter Zalenski and John Sobczak, leave this evening for their headquarters at Camp Lee. Both boys have been visiting their relatives during the past few days and were due to leave last week, but circumstances over which they had no control compelled them to ask for an extension of time. John became an uncle while here and thought that he would do honor to his sister and little niece by waiting over until today, while the duty falling to Peter was of a sadder nature, his brother being one of the victims of the explosion at the Pittsburgh Steel company's works, who deid from the effects and was buried on Sunday. All honor to the boys who have thrown their fortunes with us and are willing to fight for their liberty and the glory of the United States of America.

EAGLES PREPARING FOR BIG TIME

Monessen Aerie No. 492 Fraternal Order of Eagles has issued invitations to friends and members for the Second Annual Open Installation of Officers for the year 1918 to be held in the New Croation hall, corner Eleventh and Schoonmaker avenue, Tuesday evening, Jan. 8th, at 8 p. m. sharp. The following officers will be installed to serve during the year:

Past President—T. F. Thompson.
Pres.—J. E. Purkes.
Vice Pres.—Jules Albert.
Chaplain—Nelson McNeil.
Secretary—Gus Kruell
Treas.—J. J. McGinty
Inside Guard—Phillip Cunningham.
Outside Guard—Geo. Sherwin.

Immediately after the installation there will be an entertainment and dance The committee has secured some very good numbers for this entertainment and has also secured something new in the line of music for the dance. This is the second open installation of officers the Eagles have held, the first being in the Olympic hall last January when they entertained over four hundred people. They expect to make this an annual affair and indications point to a larger crowd this year than they had last. The Eagles were very fortunate in securing the new Croation hall as it is one of the finest halls in the valley and there will be lots of room for all as the Croation society has been kind enough to throw the whole building open for the convenience of the Eagles and their families.

Viewed Great Army Truck

—J. A. Lohman has just returned from a visit with his son Eugene at Gary, Ind. While west Mr. Lohman went on to Chicago, where he had the honor and pleasure of viewing one of the United States' great Catarpillar trucks, which are the greatest and most wonderful instruments of warfare yet constructed. Mr. Lohman says it was the greatest sight of the kind he ever saw, when in motion, let alone in real action among the trenches along the firing line.

MONESSEN WON GAME SATURDAY

The initial basketball game of the season was played in the Monessen High school building Saturday evening, the contestants being the Monessen and Donora High school boys.

There was a large and enthusiastic attendance and the game was fraught with interest throughout, Monessen being the victors by a score of 47 to 12. The lineup was as follows:

Monessen		Donora
Gibson, Capt.	L. F.	Burk, Capt.
Allison	R.	Rebovich
Miller	C.	Simpson
Howard	L. G.	Burk
Reed	R. G.	Chambau

Summary—Subs for Monessen, Hutchinson. Donora, Weiss, McMannas and Gallatin.

Field Goals—Gibson 8, Allison 3, Miller 6.

Foul Goals—Miller 13 out of 22, Burk 6 out of 9, Rebovich 2 out of 10, simpson 4 out of 9.

Referee—Wagoner of Charleroi.

Time keeper—Williams.

Gibson, Allison and Miller, Monessen were the stars for floor work and shooting.

No field goals were made as all points for Donora were made on fouls. Burk for Donora played a good game and the all-round team work on both sides was exceptionally good for an opening game.

—THE BEST—GLENDORA coffee, 3 lbs. $1.00. Your Grocer. Jan.1-1m

COUNCIL TO ORGANIZE TONIGHT

The new city council will be organized this evening at 8 o'clock in the council chamber in the borough building. The impression had gone out that the new body would be organized at 10 a. m., which was the case in years gone by, but the new borough code has changed things, and now it is law that new councilmanic bodies be organized at 8 o'clock in the evening of the first Monday of the new year.

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and
A Nestor Comedy

STAR THEATRE

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TUESDAY—Charles Ray in "The Son of His Father," a story of romance, adventure and suspense.

WEDNESDAY—Mme. Petrova in "Exile," a scene of oriental splendor, a handsome American, a brutal man and Mme. Petrova.

Dinner for Son

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Schaefer of Sixth street, gave a delightful little dinner party to a few friends in honor of their son, Corporal E. L. Schaefer, of Camp Sherman, Chillicothe, Ohio, and his wife. Mrs. Jennie Bowers Schaefer. Corporal Schaefer was home on a ten day furlough, part of which he is spending at Butler, Pa., the home of his wife. The decorations consisted of the national colors.

New Victor Records For January Are Here

70118—12 in. $1.25
I Love to Be a Sailor—Harry Lauder.
18413—10 in. 75c
Long Boy—Byron G Harlan and Peerless Quartet.
I Don't Want to Get Well — Van and Schenck.
18414—10 in. 75c
Hail! Hail! the Gang's All Here!"—Shannon Four.
Bring back the Kaiser to Me"—American Quartet.
First Records by the Philadelphia Orchestra
64752—10 in. $1.00
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KEEPING UP MORALS

In the British army a very close watch is kept over the temper of individual men. It is realized that an army is only as strong as the courage of its soldiers. A few falterers will discourage a whole company. So the non-commissioned officers know pretty well how their boys rae feeling every day.

"How's Bill today?" asks the lieutenant of the corporal. "O well, so so, a good deal in the dumps." "What's the matter?" "Ain't heard from home for three weeks." No wonder the man is blue. Some one looked the thing up. If there is a hitch in delivery of mail it is remedied.

Frequently it appears that the folks at home are writing blue letters. In that case some one in the home town, the minister, the priest, the Y. M. C. A. man or any army officer, is asked to see them. The mother or wife is told that she must stop writing blue letters. She must give the boy some cheer and give him courage to lean upon. Soon some better sounding letters come along. Bill cheers up and his whole squad with him.

The effort will be made in the American army to keep watch of the condition and temper of each individual man. The home folks should realize that they have much to do with this condition. If they don't write frequetnly enough, or if they write in a discouraged vein, it depresses the man at the front. His depression communicates itself to others, and the morals of the army is injured. Everyone of us at home has his or her part to play.

Whatever misgivings or questionings one may feel, they should never appear in the letters to the soldiers. They need all the support from home they can get. With this support they will go into battle with more cheerful hearts, and with a determination to win that will make a world of difference.

A STORY IN THE ADVS

Sometimes you can get real news by turning to the advertising columns. The little liner advertisements often contain whole stories of domestic or business bliss, despair, joy or deviltry and occasionally the big display advertisements clearly disclose whether some well known merchant is dead, or still alive and kicking, by their very tone.

The foregoing, because we've dug out of the advertising columns of a Berlin newspaper the tragedy of a whole people.

For exchange, 50 Polish laborers, 20 men and 30 girls, for same number of other hands, says an advertisement in the Deutsche Tages-Zeitung. Polish laborers in Germany are not permitted to change masters or to move from place to place without government authorization. With such authorization, however, the masters can make exchanges, as we swop horses and mules, or as our housewives exchange soap grease for soap, or old rags for door mats, kitchen tins and such.

Meanwhile, German autocracy talks independence and constitutional government to Poland. The independence of the dead and the government of serfdom!

TO SAVE AND TO HAVE

Say, you've been doing big things toward winning this war, and maybe, didn't know it. Food Administrator Hoover reports that your surplus crop of 1917 wheat, over and above what is normally held for your own use, has already been exported. This is fine, and if you're honest, you'll admit that you really didn't miss all that wheat. Now, did you?

However, it is up to you to be more than normal, for there isn't a doggoned thing about this war that isn't abnormal. The allies need three or four hundreds of thousands of tons of your food right along, every month. You are called upon to save this from your normal quantity. You can do it, and at the end, you will wonder that it was so easy. It is always so in the saving of anything. Most of us go along on a basis of plenty and then some. When we put ourselves on a basis where the real need and common sense meet, we're astonished at having stuck to the old policy so long.

THE STUPIDITY OF CRIME

Here is an interesting study in psychology: Roy Sischo was for years an agent for the U. S. treasury department engaged in running down opium smugglers between Vancouver, B. C. and Seattle. Like all criminal hunters, he acquired a profound contempt for criminals. Criminals take frightful risks, blunder stupidly and come to grief. Sischo saw the mistakes the smugglers made. The thought, perhaps recurred to him many times that, if he were to turn smuggler, he would not make mistakes.

Sischo resigned his government job. And now he is under arrest, charged with attempting to bring $7,000 worth of opium across the international border. The stupidity of crime lies, not in how you do it, but in doing it at all.

EDITORIALETTES

Some citizens who are toasting their toes by nice hearth fires can't see what the soldiers in the cold and wet trenches are going to do with all that Y. M. C. A. money.

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Women may come and women may go, but the bargain counter habit goes on forever.

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Look pleasant and feel warm. Coal is $250 the ton, in Denmark.

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Dr. Wiley proclaims that he can live on 13 cents a day. Oh no! Doc, you mean that the other fellow can.

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There's talk of man's collars being raised to 25 cents the first of the year. And it's a cinch about man's luck it there should be a rubber shortage the next week.

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It takes all kinds of men to make the well known and popular world, including those who believe a coal man will not sell his product for the best price he can get for it.

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"He kept us out of war," as long as he could. But, being in, he's in, and we're with him!

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The man profits by the experience of others—at the same time mixing in a little originality.

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If the paper trust attempts to remedy the print paper situation by prosecuting the paper makers under the Sherman law, it is confidently expected that the courts will render a decision by the time the present publishers are grown up.

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The allies having heretofore refrained from bombarding German towns on account of humanitarian reasons, the Germans consider them as effeminate.

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It is still possible to make a good lecture pay, as the people will come so as to be able to say they have heard it.

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THE MISSING WILL

By MARIE HAMMOND.

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"Well, my children, I've made my will."

Boyd Hartley looked interested and his wife, Nettie, curious. Both, however, were too eager to welcome their visitor to think of anything outside of kindly attentions. Boyd helped his wife's uncle remove his overcoat, while Nettie placed his tall silk hat and cane upon the hat rack.

"Yes, sir," resumed Uncle William Cass, as they led him into the bright and cozy sitting room and he sniffed the evening meal appetizingly. "I just went to Mr. Byrd, my lawyer, and had the matter settled once for all."

Ever since they were married, every Tuesday evening Mr. Cass had come to visit his dead wife's niece and her husband. He would take supper with them and usually stay all night. Boyd was not earning a large salary, and every Wednesday the old man would return the compliment by sending them a hamper of provisions. The evening passed in the pleasant home of the attentive couple who really cared for him [illegible], was a marked event in the routine of Uncle William. He seemed happy and relieved, almost jolly, upon this special evening. He declared that supper had never tasted so good, and when Nettie placed him in the most comfortable arm chair in the house and started the talking machine, the old man sank back with a sigh of comfort and peaceful enjoyment.

"I'll help Nettie get the dishes out of the way, uncle," said Boyd, "so we can be together right away," and joined his wife in her usual task. Brisk and active, Nettie had her part of the work done before her less able assistant had finished putting away the knives and forks. She removed her apron and ran into the sitting room.

"Now for a nice evening, uncle," Boyd heard her say, and then there was a wild scream.

"What is it, Nettie!" spoke Boyd, startled.

"Oh, Boyd! Come here! Come here!" gasped Nettie in a frightened voice.

Uncle William lay back in the chair, motionless. There was a set smile upon his face, but he was dead. The old man had passed away without a struggle amid the homage of honest, loyal hearts and rare home comfort."

They buried him from their own little home. Martin Evans was there, sullen looking and bored. The lawyer called the day after the funeral. Reverently Nettie had taken the old gold-headed cane and the familiar silk hat of her uncle and stored them away, as precious relics, in an unused wardrobe in the attic. Mr. Byrd was very serious when he informed Nettie that they had been unable to find the will.

"It was sealed, attested and witnessed at my office the day of his death," he said. "I do not know all the contents, but I am aware of the general legacies my client planned to make. We have searched his safety deposit box, at the old home, but have discovered no trace of the will."

Finally Martin Evans made application to the court as nearest of kin of the deceased and was awarded the estate. His spendthrift policy began at once to develop. He squandered what was left of a liquid character, then he mortgaged the store building. He would have done the same with the homestead and farm, but Mr. Byrd said:

"You can draw the income from the farm and live in the old home, but I will not consent to any loan or sale. I hear you have farmed out that poor little outcast child you agreed to care for, and have put him in charge of a wretched couple addicted to drink and who are abusive to the child."

Boyd sought out Evans.

"See here, Evans," he said, "I've a favor to ask of you."

"If it's to borrow or beg, don't waste your time," growled Evans.

"It is neither. Nettie is lonesome, we love children, and if you will turn little Alan over to us legally we will adopt him."

"Will I? Sure!" said Evans. "Good riddance to bad rubbish."

Little Alan was a welcome delight to the childless couple. He throve mightily under loving care and comfort. He was eight years old when, one day, his active investigating spirit led him to ransack the garret. He located the cherished cane and silk hat in the old wardrobe. Nettie, returning home from a neighbor's, with consternation observed Alan parading down the street a square distant, leading a band of urchins, Uncle William's high hat was on his head, Uncle William's cane in his hand. She hurried her steps, but before she reached the culprit a crowd of other boys appeared, deprived little Alan of his spoils and proceeded to institute a game of "shinny," using the hat for the ball and the cane as the club. That evening Nettie detailed the circumstance of the hour. Boyd examined the hat.

"Pretty dusty store in, and inside lined torn [illegible] I think you can sew up. Nettie. Hello!"

"What is it, Boyd," inquired his wife, as Boyd [illegible] back the sweat-band revealed a [illegible] paper it had held in place. He [illegible] it carefully, for its [illegible] edges were creased and soiled. The [illegible] gasped.

"Nettie, look!" he said animatedly. "It's the will. We've found it!"

It was a cruel trick of fate, that [illegible] Martin Evans had [illegible] should be the means of [illegible] him of the inheritance unlawfully appropriated.

The Next Step.

"The Germans," said a noted surgeon, "are vamping their war surgery. Two years ago 50 per cent of their wounded returned to the front. Last year 30 per cent returned. Rubbish!" The professor made a gesture of repudiation. "Why, at this rate," he said, "the Germans will be telling us that every time an enemy bullet hits a German soldier in the head its only effect is to fill a hollow tooth for him."—London Opinion.

SORCERERS BURNED AT STAKE

Custom of an Early Age When Thousands of Unfortunate Students Were Put to Death.

Alchemists often believed that by deep thought they could find a way to turn base metals into gold, but alchemy itself was much deeper and broader than this, according to a writer. It was supposed at this time that there were seven heavenly bodies—the sun, moon, Mars, Mercury, Venus, Jupiter and Saturn—and seven metals—gold, silver, iron, mercury, copper, tin and lead. There were also seven days in a week and seven colors in a rainbow. There were twelve signs in the zodiac, twelve months in the year, twelve precious stones, and twelve parts to the body. It seemed to the alchemists that there must be some hidden connection between these things of nature, and in trying to find it they spent much time in watching the sky and in bending over their crucibles and retorts.

During an age when superstition was rife such nocturnal activities could not fail to arouse suspicion, and to be accused of being a sorcerer was generally followed by burning at the stake. Many thousands of such unfortunate students were put to death during these dark centuries, but in spite of the dangers men secretly studied alchemy.

RUSSIAN NAMES WERE EASY

Pronunciation Not to Be Compared With Talk Between Baby and Parrot, Proud Parent Boasts.

Reference at a social session was made to lingual dexterity when Congressman John M. Evans of Montana, said he was reminded of a little incident along that line.

Down at the cigar store one night the regulars were talking about the war and remarking how it gave one something worse than face ache to pronounce the Russian names that appear in the news.

"Those Russian names are nothing," remarked a man named Johnson, with an expansive smile. "You just ought to hear what I stack up against in my own home every day of my life."

"What's that?" demanded one of the regulars, amazedly. "Do you mean that you have somebody in your family who can put a kink in those Russian syllabic twists?"

"Well, I should say that I have," rejoined Johnson. "You should come around some time and hear the baby and the parrot when they get to talking together."

Africa Second Largest.

Africa is the second largest of the continental divisions of the earth, containing 11,632,000 square miles. Europe contains 3,671,004; Asia, 17,470,280; North America, 7,116,000; South America, 7,344,000. At the outbreak of the present war, August, 1914, European states had established protectorates over it. By agreement, Great Britain controlled about 3,700,000 square miles; France, 4,422,000; Germany, 931,000; Belgium, 909,000; Portugal, 764,000, Spain, 592,000, with native ownership ignored everywhere. These areas of control have undergone material changes since the war began and no doubt will be further changed at its conclusion. The different areas have been held and governed as colonies, the only politics being a contest among the nations to obtain and hold as much as possible. It has been what might be called in common phrase "a grab game" on a large scale, with a continent as the spoils.

Death to the Puppies.

The details of the snatching from this life of four brindle Boston bulls in the prime of their puppyhood were recited when a woman reviewed her married life in the court of domestic relations in New York. "Only last week," she said, "our bulldog, Ida, had a family that would have been worth $200 if it had grown. My husband went to a veterinarian and the doctor told him if they wouldn't take milk out of a saucer to put some milk in his own mouth, but a nipple in his mouth and feed them that way, just like dog fanciers do. At first he didn't even want to do it."

"Well," said the court, "and what has that to do with the case?"

"Because when he did do it, I tell you, the dogs died."

Profits in Shipbuilding.

The sale of the schooner Glynn, the first ocean commerce carrier built south of Newport News since the war began, has brought out facts, says the Manufacturers' Record, showing the remarkable profits to be made from shipbuilding and the operation of freight ships under war conditions. The company made a profit of 25 per cent on the building of the vessel; her purchaser, James S. Bradley, Jr., received $52,000 freight for the voyage to Italy with naval stores and then sold her to French interests for $90,000. After deducting $21,500 for insurance, outfitting and provisioning and the salaries and wages, the Glynn netted him $45,500 in six months.

Making Mineral Wool.

An American firm operating in Australia has started works near Melbourne for turning the local basalt into "mineral wool" for use as an insulator in packing machinery and ice chests and as a substitute for asbestos, according to the Scientific American. The basalt is melted down with a proportion of freestone and limestone and then steam, at an immense pressure, is forced through the fluid. The liquid rock, thus aerated, flies into the air and falls in flakes on the floor.

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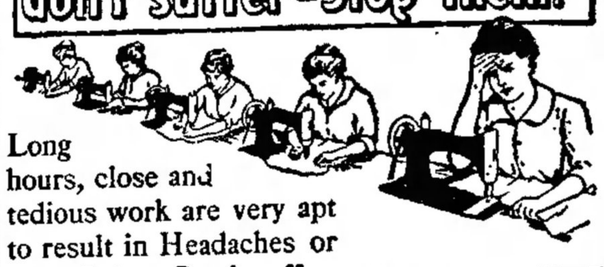

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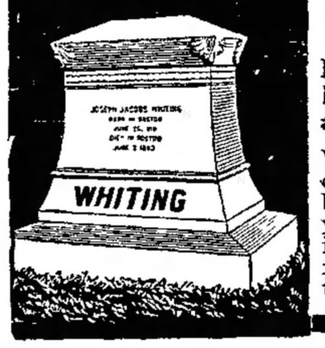

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Thomas Machin, the engineer charged by a committee appointed in 1776 by the colony of Massachusetts with the task of making the first survey for the Cape Cod canal, was "drafted" as an army engineer by George Washington before he could make a fair start on the survey, says the Engineering News-Record. George Washington's letter to the chairman of the committee which appointed Mr. Machin read:

"The great demand we have for engineers in this department has obliged me to order Mr. Machin hither to assist in that branch of the business."

This bit of American engineering history is recounted by William Barclay Parsons, in a paper (published in the Proceedings of the American Society of Civil Engineers) on the Cape Cod canal, which was first proposed more than three hundred years ago and finally opened to commercial traffic in 1914.

Meaning of "Sinn Fein."

"Sinn Fein" (pronounced Shinn Fain) is a Celtic expression meaning "ourselves alone," and is the name and motto of an Irish party which construes it as meaning both for and by the Irish alone. It dates actively from 1906 and claims to be more practical and comprehensive than any of the old parties that have aimed at Irish independence or self-government. Among other things, it proposes to establish a purely Irish parliament, army and navy, mint, civil and consular service, judiciary and school system; also the economic reorganization of Ireland by its own people on a purely Irish basis, including merchant marine, stock exchange, banks, etc.; all official and business matters and correspondence to be conducted in Gaelic, the use of English language to be boycotted in public offices, schools and business. These and many other interesting results are to be accomplished by passive means and peaceable methods. It is not stated exactly how, but by some kind of social and political pressure without violence.

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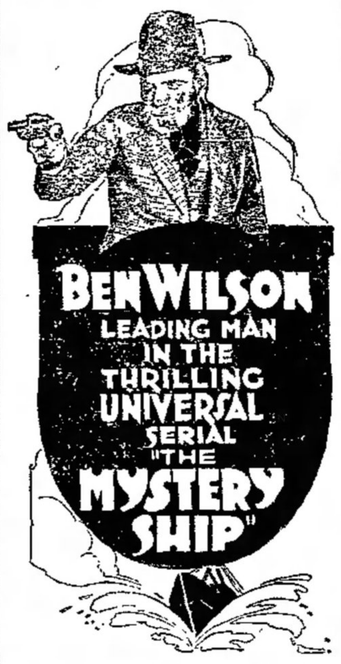

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Thrift is the watch-word of the day. The government has adopted it as a slogan, believing the encouragement of thrift during these strenuous war times is a patriotic duty, individually and collectively throughout the land. The ideas of thrift and of saving are inseparably linked and there is a growing tendency to encourage everything that tends toward developing the saving instinct. This applies not only to money matters, but to food, fuel and wearing apparel, in order that we may conserve as much as possible and so have a greater surplus to send to those brave boys who are fighting our fight in the trenches of Europe.

Whenever the question of thrift arises, most naturally one thinks of the premium industry and particularly of the trading stamp and coupon, as applied to thrift declaration. Thousands of merchants throughout the land are appealing to millions of consumers to aid the great work of National economy. The trading stamp is a very vital and important factor in bringing about a very definite co-operation among a great many millions of people toward this end. The trading stamp is essentially an inducement to thrift. It is a reward for cash patronage and continued patronage and its redemption for cash or valuable premiums results in a great saving, estimated annually into the tens of millions of dollars, in thousands upon thousands of homes throughout the land.

The National Premium Advertising Association is lending every effort, through its large National membership to co-operate with the Government in promulgating thrift, and believes that the premium industry can be and is being immeasurably helpful in this respect. Whenever a man or a woman gets the habit of saving, which is essentially the moving factor which induces them to collect trading stamps and coupons they are at once on the road toward better citizenship.

The recent Liberty Loan, on its part payment plan, will unquestionably do much toward developing the thrift idea and will make savers of thousands of people who heretofore have never laid aside anything for the proverbial rainy day. The five-year $5.00 War Saving Certificate and 25-cent Thrift Stamp will bring anyone to realize as never before the value of thrift. The National Premium Advertising Association is preparing to reach at least Ten Million consumers, through its aggregate membership and to preach to them the doctrine of saving and thrift and endeavor to co-operate with the government in a National movement which is vitally necessary, in order that all of the Nation's resources may be husbanded and conserved toward the end of bringing success to democracy's banners on the battlefields of Europe.

To Guard Against Enemies

As a precaution against enemy agents of the country obtaining any information as to the destination or whereabouts of army provisions and fuel shipments for the purpose of destroying, the general operating committee of eastern railroads with headquarters at Pittsburgh has issued an order which has been received by the officers of different towns to the effect that all persons tracing freight, except those designated by authoritative offices are to be prohibited from entering railroad property, especially yards. The notice also carries word that the priority order sent out yesterday which clears the roads for coke, coal and ore to the elimination of all other freight for an indefinite period can not be overlooked by any requests to rush other shipments except in extreme cases.

Strong Teams To Be Played

The West Virginia University basketball schedule for 1918 as announced by Director Stansbury at Morgantown is easily one of the most attractive ever arranged for a University five, even the prospects for a strong team to play it are not exceptionally bright due to the inroads of the war upon the ranks of the floor men. The season will open with a minor game on the home floor Tuesday and the latter part of the same week a brief trip will be taken on which three of West Virginia's strongest and most important rivals on the floor will be met, i. e., Pittsburgh at Pittsburgh; Washington-Jefferson at Washington and Marietta at Marietta. This will be a very strenuous trip and no doubt will result in some reverses for the Old Gold and Blue. Two weeks later Pittsburgh will be played on the home floor in the final and most important game to be played in the first semester. A recess of two weeks will be given the floor men following the Pitt game at Morgantown, Jan. 25th, and then some very important home games will be played which will be followed by a very extensive trip on which some of the best teams in the east will be played including Allegheny, Cornell, Syracuse, Colgate and the Army. Only one Varsity of the 1917 team remains for the team this year and the new material though promising is light.

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$1,000 PRIZE FOR BEST METHOD OF GETTING U.S. WAR AIMS TO GERMANY

The National Security League of New York has announced an offer of $1,000 for the most effective method of getting before the German people America's aims in the war. The contest is not limited to age, or nationality. The only condition is that the answers be submitted in writing before Feb. 15.

The war aims of this country are set forth by the League in the following statement of facts to be placed before the German people by the method suggested by the winner of the contest—

Fighting for Masses

"That we are fighting for the German masses, not against them.

"That we are fighting the Prussian military autocracy, which, as shown at Zabern, enslaved the German civilian masses and is forcing thousands of them to be killed daily so that Germany can make vassal states of the rest of the European nations.

"That we are fighting that autocracy which is trying to rule the world by force; the autocracy which is preventing peace.

"That the United States does not want German land, money, or business.

"That the United States is fighting for the liberty of the masses, for our liberty, for the liberty of the world.

"That we will fight until we get 'freedom for all forever.'"

The League gives the following reasons for the contest:—

First, We believe the masses of the Germans and Austrians, particularly the Austrians, desire peace and are only kept fighting because they are kept in ignorance of what they are fighting for.

"Second, If we could, by some means, get to these masses the real object of the war, it would materially help in breaking down their morale and assist in ending the war.

Third, The thousands of suggestions which will doubtless be made, with millions of minds thinking on the subject, should develop one or two suggestions that are practical, which is just what is required.

"Fourth, The statement of facts is the president's message epitomized—the whole object of our being in the war in a few terse words. It will be read and discussed where the President's message will not and in that way let our own people know for what we are fighting and arouse their patriotism.

Fifth, Among the German population and aliens it will give in a few words the object for which we are fighting.

Sixth. From previous announcement we know this announcement is bound to sift through into Germany and Austria, either by correspondence or being sent through neutral countries, and will have some effect in that way.

Seventh. We cannot possibly see where it can do anything but good. It is not official. It is done by private individuals. The only criticism might be that we are weakening in our fight against Germany and that is answered in the last line of the announcement which reads—"We will fight until we get Freedom for All forever."

Marines Warmly Dressed

The American marine is the warmest dressed of all American fighting men, the senate military committee learned today from Michael N. Driscoll, a cloth expert from Raritan, N. J. and the German trooper has clothing fifty per cent heavier and warmer and more costly than the American soldier.

A worn, stained scrap of gray cloth, cut from the overcoat of the first German prisoner taken by General Pershing's men, was held up to the view of the committee for examination. The committee's investigation turned on the much disputed point of whether "shoddy" mixed with wool is good for a soldier's overcoat.

Mr. Driscoll agreed with previous witnesses from the council of national defense that there was little difference in effect and that the clothing with re-worked wool mixed in was cheaper. He favored heavier uniforms for the men in Europe.

ADVERTISE IN THE INDEPENDENT AND GET RESULTS.

Prominent Merchant Is Arrested

Parkersburg, W. Va., Jan. 7.—H. E. Kirchner of Elizabeth, a prominent hardware merchant, was placed under arrest and bought to this city and lodged in the county jail for an alleged violation of the espionage act.

It is stated in the warrant that he made statements to discourage recruiting in the United States army and thus hindered the army service. Local federal authorities have heard of other cases of similar nature in the Wirt county town and it is probable that an investigation of these cases will be made.

Kirchner asked to be placed in the custody of the Wirt county sheriff until time for his hearing but this was refused. Owing to the fact that the proper authorities could not be located he could not furnish bail and spent a night in the county jail.

Precautions Against Disease

During a great international war, such as we are in at present, we are prevented from taking ordinary precautions to guard against the transmission of disease. Notwithstanding the great interchange of men from all parts of the world, we have more communicable diseases in our midst than ever before. This behooves the individual to look out for himself, otherwise he is apt to fall a victim to one of the miserable diseases which are being carried by men from all parts of the world.

In some of these places from which we are importing labor, chronic and disabling diseases are very common. For example, trachoma and ulceration of the mucous membrane of the eye which is easily transferred from one to another, which terminates in blindness. It was only a short time ago that our government had to return a lot of laborers who came from one of the most infected trachoma centers in the world. Many of these men had gone to restaurants for their meals. Their fingers were infected from rubbing their ulcerated eyes and from this disease, trachoma, to the fork, spoons and knives and frequently to the cups and plates, often deeply fissured with cracks where the ordinary washing in cheap restaurants is not sufficient to disturb the germs which produce the disease.

Every individual, therefore, eating at a public restaurant should enter a protest against cracked cups and plates that this one source of danger might be eliminated.

A Huge Blacksnake Is Killed

Bevington J. Watt, aged 11 years son of Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Watt, who lives 3 miles north of Belmont, killed a blacksnake measuring five and one-half feet. The boy had gone to the mail box and noticed the snake crawling up a bank on the opposite side of the road through the snow. He immediately got a piece of fence rail and put the snake out of commission. The snake was hung on a mail box and persons traveling along the road viewed his snakeship. The killing of a snake in winter when all good snakes are supposed to be sleeping caused much comment among the travelers.

Light Best Suited to Eyes.

Recent investigations into the kind of light best suited to the eyes have important practical significance. The studies were made from the point of view of "contrast" to determine the ideal contrast between the object looked at and the surrounding background. It was found that the usual contrast in brightness between objects out of doors rarely exceeds the ratio of 1 to 20. The eye can detect contrasts as delicate as 98 to 100. Indoors, contrast in light and shadow often runs as high as 1 to 200, and a dark window frame against a bright sky presents a contrast of 1 to 10,000. The scale of contrasts best suited to the eye lies between 1 to 20 and 1 to 100.

Agriculture in France.

The French government has undertaken to supply the depleted ranks of the farmers and to give assistance to the amateur farmer by means of a correspondence course. Much has been eagerly received. The pupil receives instructions as to a course of reading, the making out of a small experimental plot, the carrying out of simple experiments, visits to neighboring farms, etc. The Union of Agricultural syndicates, which has assumed charge of this work for the government, has appointed a number of "monitors" to supervise the work of pupils. The pupils prepare monthly examination papers and render monthly reports.

To Reduce Airplane Explosions.

Airplanes equipped with machine guns run a certain degree of risk from an explosion caused by the flame at the muzzle of the gun. Hence considerable study has been devoted to obviating this danger, and a young Florentine chemist is said to have recently given a demonstration before an Italian military commission of a new powder invented by him which burns without either flame or smoke and does not flare on detonation.

OLD LANDMARK IS PRESERVED

Historic General Schuyler Mansion at Albany, N. Y., Associated With Revolutionary Times.

By the dedication of the General Schuyler mansion at Albany, N. Y., another interesting landmark of revolutionary days was permanently preserved from the devastating hand of modern improvement, notes a correspondent. The house is 155 years old, having been built in 1762. Its recent dedication by Governor Whitman, marked the one hundred and fortieth anniversary of the surrender of Burgoyne at Saratoga. General Schuyler took an active part in the campaign against the invading British army from the North, and, at Saratoga, he suffered a serious loss in the burning of the British of his country home and mills. Notwithstanding this, he acted the part of the chivalrous conqueror a few days later, when he entertained General Burgoyne and his staff, including the Hessian general, Baron Riedesel, and his wife, at his Albany home, when, as prisoners of war, they stopped there on the way to Boston.

With the single exception of the famous Washington headquarters at Newburg, purchased by the state in 1849, the Schuyler mansion is more closely associated with revolutionary times than any other of the historic memorials purchased from time to time by the state for preservation.

The West Point Course.

The course of instruction at the West Point Military academy requires four years, and is chiefly mathematical and professional. Each cadet is paid by the government $700 a year while at the academy, that sum being about sufficient for his support. Only one leave of absence is allowed during the four years, and this is granted at the end of the second year. The regular session of study and academic duties continues from September 1 to June 1, the intervening months being spent in camp, where practical military training is given. At the end of four years cadets are graduated and commissioned as second lieutenants in the United States army.

Lapps Wanted Laws Changed.

An unusual venture in representative government was made by a recent conference of 100 Lapps in northern Sweden. These delegates represented the whole nomadic people, and their purpose was to frame a united protest against certain laws affecting their reindeer herds. The Lapps rarely have any settled habitation, moving from place to place after the herds and often coming into hostile contact with the settled Scandinavian farmers. The law of Sweden requires the Lapps to pay fine and damages when their reindeer damage crops, and it was to secure a modification of this statute that the Lapps held a representative conference.

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For every ounce of food and drink taken into the stomach, nearly an ounce of waste material must be carried out of the body. If this waste material is not eliminated day by day it quickly ferments and generates poisons, gases and toxins which are absorbed or sucked into the blood stream, through the lymph ducts which should suck only nourishment to sustain the body.

A splendid health measure is to drink, before breakfast each day, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it, which is a harmless way to wash these poisons, gases and toxins from the stomach, liver, kidneys and bowels, thus cleansing, sweetening and freshening the entire alimentary canal before putting more food into the stomach.

A quarter pound of limestone phosphate costs but very little at the drug store but is sufficient to make anyone an enthusiast on inside-bathing. Men and women who are accustomed to wake up with a dull, aching head or have furred tongue, bad taste, nasty breath, sallow complexion, others who have bilious attacks, acid stomach or constipation are assured of pronounced improvement in both health and appearance shortly.

Monessen, Pa., Dec. 8, 1917.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank for the election of directors to serve for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting will be held at the banking house 560 Donner avenue on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock a. m.

Jesse Hancock,
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NOTICE OF SHAREHOLDERS' MEETING

The annual meeting of the shareholders of the First National bank of Webster, Pa., for the purpose of electing directors to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business, which may properly come before them, will be held in the banking rooms of the association, on Tuesday, January 8, 1918, between the hours of 2 p. m. and 3 p. m.

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LOCAL NOTES

—Mary Miles Minter in "Charity Castle," at the Star today. 1t

—Born to Mr. and Mrs. John Reed, a baby boy.

—Nick Berbattis visited frineds in Brownsville Sunday.

—James Danvers of Braddock was a local visitor last night.

—Miss Amelia Pehl spent yesterday with friends in Glassport.

—Wm. Pappas visited with friends in Brownsville yesterday.

—Miss Grace Krepps visited with friends in Pittsburgh over Sunday.

—Charles Ray in "The Son of His Father," at the Star tomorrow. 1t

—Miss Elizabeth Callahan spent the week end with her parents at Bridgville.

—James McKenna, who has been sick for several days is improving a little today.

—Nick Chivarini was a visitor with friends and relatives n Glassport yesterday.

—H. T. Roberts of Washington, visited with friends in Monessen over Sunday.

—Miss Sarah Morris of Belle Vernon, visited with Miss Martha Karlowsky yesterday.

—Mrs. Gus Wright of Roscoe spent Sunday with friends and relatives in Monessen.

—Mrs. P. T. Piper and son Billy of Cleveland, are the guests of Mrs. Lyman Clark.

—Miss Esther Allison has returned from a visit with friends and relatives in Alliance, O.

—Miss Bessie Johnston of Clarksburg, is here visiting her brother, Pierce Johnson.

—Thomas Marshal spent Sunday at the home of his sister, Mrs. Ed Crall of Monongahela.

—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Reese were guests yesterday of friends and relatives in Donora.

—Miss Grace Calhoun of Elizabeth, spent Sunday with Miss Beryl Thomas of Fourth street.

—C. L. Kehlenbeck who has been home on a furlough is confined to his bed with quinsy.

—Alex Pollum of Pittsburgh visited yesterday at the home of John Quinlon, on Alliquipa avenue.

—William Lee has returned to Camp Lee after a brief furlough spent with relatives and friends here.

—Mrs. Mary Chalfant of Grindstone, is spending a few day visiting her son, A. L. Chalfant of Reed avenue.

—Miss Nina Wyancoff of Pittsburgh, was an over Sunday visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Soles.

—Miss Ada Scott of Monessen and Miss Aline Odbert of Charleroi, visited over Sunday with Brownsville friends.

—Miss Mary Lahew, who is attending the Operator's Training school at Pittsburgh, was a visitor in town over Sunday.

—Miss Florence Gush, of the Friday evening call force spent the week end with relatives in Pittsburgh and Greensburg.

—Mrs. T. J. Welsh and two children returned to their home in Rochester after an extended visit with relatives in this city.

—John E. Lindh returned yesterday to Camp Greenleaf, Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga., after a short furlough spent here with friends.

—Mrs. Ellen Underwood of Roscoe is visiting at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Nancy Darrah, of Schoonmaker avenue.

—Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Dils and children visited with the former's brother-in-law, James Palmer of New Salem, yesterday.

—Michael Assel and Joseph Timins arrived home last evening from Camp Lee to spend a brief furlough with relatives and friends.

—Dr. W. D. Hunter is home from Camp Lee to spend several days here with relatives and friends. He will remain until Thursday.

—Mrs. Carrie Bell has returned to her home in Warren, Ohio, after a pleasant stay at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Joseph Landers of First street.

—James H. Gribben spent Sunday with his family on Reed avenue, returning to Steubenville, Ohio, this morning where he has been employed.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Monjot of Cannonsburg visited over the week-end with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Monjot of Rostraver street.

—Miss Sarah Baker, a teacher in the local schools returned last evening from Cleveland, where she was the guest of friends and relatives for the past few days.

—Miss Margaret Cody has returned to her home in Elizabeth after visiting for several days with her sister, Mrs. William Conners of Highland avenue.

—Harold Robins, one of our boys in training at Camp Lee, is here on a furlough visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Robins. Harold looks fine and seems to enjoy camp life.

—Miss Olga Hillman of Sixth street hill, who was painfully injured last week while coasting on Ninth street, is considerably improved, she being able to be out Sunday for the first time.

According to the Greek calender, today is being observed as Christmas by the Greek and Russian people of this city and all over the United States. Special services are being held in the various churches.

—Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Lena Marsden of 500 McKee avenue, this city, and Mr. John Berry of Monongahela. The bride is well known and the best wishes of the community go with the young couple.

—The revival services began yesterday in the local M. E. church were well attended and very interesting. The singing is in charge of Jake Houser of Scottdale. Meetings will be held each evening this week except Saturday, conducted by the pastor, Rev. D. R. Graham.

—Charles Gentry of Brownsville spent Sunday with Monessen friends. He was formerly employed as driver for the American Express in this city, but was transferred as messenger on the P. & L. E. railroad for the same firm and is located in Brownsville.

—Another Monessen boy has been honorably discharged from the U. S. army. J. H. Gnup, of Co. E., 111th Infantry, Camp Hancock, was found upon investigation to be only 17 years of age, and was sent home. He had been in training four months. He enlisted in Pittsburgh Aug. 4, 1917, in the 18th Penna. National Guards.

—Mr. and Mrs. James G. Griffiths have been called to Leechburg by the death of Mrs. Griffith's mother, Mrs. Anna Mentzell, who passed away Sunday evening at 8:10 o'clock. She leaves three daughters and one son, Mrs. A. N. Hargett of Meadville, Mrs. Jas. G. Griffiths, of Monessen, Miss Stella Mentzer at home and Mr. Harry L. Mentzell of Tarentum.

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Notice

Important Notice to Registrants Under Jurisdiction of This Local Board Whose Order Numbers are Between No. 3503 and No. 3708 Inclusive

There has this day been mailed to you a questionnaire which you are required by law to execute and return within seven days from date hereof.

Failure to do so constitutes a misdemeanor punishable by not to exceed one year's imprisonment; and such failure may also deprive you of valuable rights and result in your immediate induction into military service and trial by court-martial.

Date—January 7, 1918.

H. W. Day, M. D.
Chairman.

Local Board for Division No. 8, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania, Monessen, Pa.

ENROLLMENT OF BEGINNERS

Pupils, who will be six years of age before June 1st, 1918, wishing to enter school for the term beginning Monday, January 28th, will be enrolled at the different school buildings Thursday forenoon, January 17th. No beginners will be admitted after February 11th.

A certificate of successful vaccination should be presented at the time of enrollment as all children must be vaccinated before entering school.

Jan. 7-16 H. E. Gress, Supt.

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A Rich Man's Son

One of the most popular themes of play and story is that of the rich man's son who is thrown on the world without the invaluable moral assistance of "the governor." Ridgewell Cullum, author of "The Son of His Father," which novel has been picturized for Charles Ray, makes use of the theme, but it is more than ordinarily interesting because of the numerous new twists he has given to the basic idea. "The Son of His Father" will be the first photodrama starring Charles Ray to be released by Paramount. It will be seen at the Star theatre tomorrow. 1t

End of the World Predicted

Prediction that the end of the world is at hand and that the "Fall of Babylon" is soon to occur, featured an address yesterday afternoon in the Lyceum theatre, Pittsburgh, by Judge J. F. Rutherford of New York, at the closing session of the annual convention of the International Bible Students' association. Judge Rutherford was re-elected president of the organization. C. H. Anderson of Baltimore, was elected vice president and W. E. Van Amburgh of Boston, who has been secretary and treasurer for the past 15 years, was re-elected to that office.

A resolution disapproving the position taken by "conscientious objectors to military service" was passed and it was directed that a copy of it be sent to President Wilson.

Talks Are Becoming Interesting

The third four minute talk on "War Savings Stamps" in the local theatres were listened to with considerable interest Saturday night, each speaker making special effort to show the people the object and urging all to become practically interested, as the U. S. government stands back of the plan which is directly in the interest of the Liberty Loan.

The speakers for tonight are as follows: H. Dallas McCabe, Star theatre; W. P. Kirk, Olympic and J. Howard Kelly, Bijou.

Any person not understanding the plan thoroughly can receive the necessary information by calling on any of the speakers or at any local bank.

Saturday night's speakers were: Bijau theatre, L. X. Ely, Olympic theatre, Prof. H. E. Gress, and Star, Jesse Hancock.

Large Crowd Gathered to Hear Evangelist

Notwithstanding the inclement weather a large crowd gathered in the Christian church last night to hear Evangelist Lawrence Wright. All felt well repaid for their efforts to hear him. He spoke on "How to Study the Bible" in a masterly way. Tonight he will speak on "The New Covenant." Song service begins at 7:45. Everyone invited.

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Classified Columns

Advertisements under this heading will cost 1 cent a word. Cash must accompany the copy. No ad taken for less than 15 cents. No book accounts will be kept for these columns. If an advertising sosertion. Don't ask for credit for these small ads.

FOR SALE—New House, Sixth and Locust street; inquire 624 McMahon avenue. 78-9tp

WANTED—Girl for general housework; apply 415 McKee Ave. 74-tf

WANTED—Men between 21 and 40 year of age, for conductors and motormen. Apply 9 a. m. to 12 m. Room No 8, Bank of Charleroi building, Charleroi, Pa. 81-12

FOR RENT—Garage room for one car in private garage; apply Daily Independent office. 73-tf

LOST—One Jersey heifer. Reward to finder. Call Monessen Cash Market, bell phone 190. 83-6t

WANTED—Girl to do general housework. Call bell phone 724. 78-3t

FOR SALE—$650 Player Piano, mahogany case (like new) 40 rolls of music, bench and scarf. Will sell to quick buyer for $125. Address "R," care Daily Independent. 81-3t

WANTED—Girls at the Monessen Laundry, none under 16 need apply. 81tf

Furnished sleeping room. 12 Donner. 384-3tp

WANTED—Man to drive a delivery truck. Apply at the Monessen Cash Market. 84-3t

FOR SALE—24 acre farm handy to Atlantic City, N. J. Five room house, two stall barn, poultry house for 300 chickens with wire yard, large brooder house, both new, mail delivered daily, 200 feet front on state auto road. Price $2,000 to quick buyer. Address H. L. Stanger, Belle Vernon, Pa. 82-2tp

WANTED—By family of two, flat or house of four or five rooms and bath in Monessen, (house preferred.) Address "L" care Independent. 82-3t

WANTED—Girl for general housework, no washing or ironing, good wages; apply Mrs. C. A. Crotty, at the Monessen Laundry. 81-tf

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms. Inquire at 511 Donner ave., 3rd floor front. 84-3tp

WANTED—Woman to do housework; apply 381 Schoonmaker avenue. 84-3tp

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